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You may want to give the briefing to the President yourself, with me in attendance to handle technical questions. I will begin preparing a suitable briefing.

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THE DIRECTOR OF CENTRAL INTELLIGENCE

WASHINGTON, D.C. 20505

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National Intelligence Council

MEMORANDUM FOR: Director of Central Intelligence
Deputy Director of Central Intelligence

THROUGH: Chairman, National Intelligence Council

FROM: National Intelligence Officer for Strategic Programs

SUBJECT: Status of Joint Net Assessment Efforts

25X1 1. [] Andy Marshall and I met to discuss the status of the Joint Net Assessment (JNA) on strategic forces, and to get the ABM assessment underway.

--We plan to publish the JNA at the same time as NIE 11-3/8-82 (December or January). The four large chapters for wide distribution are nearing completion. Harry, Andy and I will focus on writing a smooth draft of the limited distribution conclusion and recommendations chapters that you discussed at lunch with us in August. We wish to publish the first four chapters for wide distribution here at CIA, in order to take advantage of the high quality production and colored graphics capabilities of the Agency. The limited distribution chapters would be produced in Andy's office.

--In the ABM assessment, we have tentatively agreed to concentrate on an evaluation of Soviet ABM defenses against US missile attack, because that evaluation is most directly influenced by the ABM NIE. We plan a meeting sponsored by Andy Marshall and [] in about two weeks with representatives from several DoD agencies, Intelligence Community representatives, and contractor personnel, to discuss existing capabilities to perform such analyses and to pull together necessary information on U.S. penetration capabilities. As a result of that meeting we will prepare a work plan and begin the job.

2. Another item: I will be briefing the findings of the ABM Estimate very soon to the START Interagency Group and to some of the NSC Staff. NSC staffers indicated informally to me that they want me to brief the President on Soviet ABM sometime in mid-to-late November. I am sure there will be good reason to brief the ABM Estimate in DoD as well.

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